

Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

§51.1532

(3) *Four-basket crates.* Four-basket crates shall not be packed more than three layers deep.

(i) The arrangement of the bottom layer shall be one row less one way, and may be one row less each way than the arrangement of the top layer; the arrangement of the middle layer may be the same as the top layer, or may be one row less one way than the arrangement of the top layer.

(ii) In the $3\frac{1}{2}$ —4x5 and $3\frac{1}{2}$ —4x4 packs the face of each half of the crate shall be packed as a unit, with no shim between the two baskets.

(b) *Marking.* (1) The size of plums or prunes shall be marked on each package, and shall be indicated in terms of minimum diameter, or number of fruit per package, or in accordance with the arrangement of the top layer of fruit in the package or subcontainer, or in terms of the four-basket crate designation for fruit of equivalent sizes. Size may also be shown in terms of maximum number of fruit for a specified weight, such as “8 per pound,” “6.4 per pound” or “ $7\frac{2}{3}$ per pound.”

(i) *Four-basket crates.* The size of plums packed in four-basket crates shall be indicated in accordance with the arrangement in the top layer of the baskets, as follows: 6x6, 5x5, or 4x4 (square packs); 5x6, 4x5, or 3x4 (offset packs); $3\frac{1}{2}$ —4x5, 3—4x5, $3\frac{1}{2}$ —4x4, or 3—4x4 (diagonal packs).

(ii) *California peach boxes, lug boxes and small consumer packages.* In layer-packed California peach boxes or lug boxes, and in small consumer packages, the count of the entire contents shall be marked on the package. The number of plums or prunes in California peach boxes or lug boxes shall not vary more than 4 from the number indicated on the package.

(iii) *Face and fill packs in cartons and lug boxes.* In face and fill packs in cartons and lug boxes the number of rows in the face shall be marked on the package, as “6 row”, “8 row”, etc.

(c) *Sizing.* (1) Not more than 5 percent, by count, of the plums or prunes in any package may vary more than one-fourth inch in diameter.

(2) When size is indicated in terms of minimum diameter, not more than 5 percent, by count, of the fruit in any

package may be smaller than the size marked.

(d) *Tolerance for standard pack.* In order to allow for variations incident to proper sizing and packing, not more than 10 percent, by count, of the packages in any lot may fail to meet the requirements for standard pack.

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DEFINITIONS

§51.1528 Well formed.

Well formed means that the fruit has the shape characteristic of the variety. Doubles shall not be considered well formed.

§51.1529 Clean.

Clean means that the fruit is practically free from dirt and other foreign material.

§51.1530 Mature.

Mature means that the fruit has reached the stage of maturity which will insure a proper completion of the ripening process.

§51.1531 Sunscald.

Sunscald means injury caused by the sun in which softening or collapse of the flesh is apparent.

§51.1532 Damage.

Damage means any specific defect defined in this section; or an equally objectionable variation of any one of these defects, any other defect, or any combination of defects, which materially detracts from the appearance, or the edible or marketing quality of the fruit. The following specific defects shall be considered as damage:

(a) Broken skins which are unhealed except those caused by pulled stems where the skin is torn only slightly within the stem cavity. (Healed skin breaks shall be considered scars);

(b) Heat injury, sprayburn or sunburn:

(1) When the skin is blistered, cracked or decidedly flattened;

(2) When the normal color of the skin or flesh has materially changed;

(3) When there is more than one indentation; or,

(4) When an indentation exceeds three-sixteenths inch in diameter;

(c) Growth cracks:

(1) When not healed;

(2) When more than one in number;

(3) When more than one-eighth inch in depth;

(4) When more than three-eighths inch in length if within the stem cavity; or,

(5) When more than one-fourth inch in length if outside of the stem cavity;

(d) Split pit when causing any unhealed crack, or when healed and aggregating more than one-fourth inch in length, or when affecting the shape to the extent that the fruit is not well formed;

(e) Scab or bacterial spot when cracked, or when the aggregate area exceeds that of a circle one-fourth inch in diameter on a fruit 2 inches in diameter or 4x4 size, or smaller; or when the aggregate area exceeds that of a circle three-eighths inch in diameter on a fruit larger than 2 inches in diameter or 4x4 size;

(f) Drought spots or external gum spots which have an aggregate area exceeding that of a circle one-fourth inch in diameter;

(g) Scale or scale marks when the aggregate area exceeds that of a circle one-fourth inch in diameter;

(h) Scars, including those caused by hail, when the surface of the fruit is depressed more than one-sixteenth inch, or when exceeding any of the following aggregate areas, or a combination of two or more types of scars the seriousness of which exceeds the maximum allowed for any one type:

(1) Dark or rough scars when the area exceeds that of a circle one-fourth inch in diameter on a fruit 2 inches in diameter or 4x4 size, or smaller; or when the area exceeds that of a circle three-eighths inch in diameter on a fruit larger than 2 inches in diameter or 4x4 size;

(2) Fairly light colored, fairly smooth scars when, in the case of Italian type prunes, the area exceeds that of a circle one-half inch in diameter; or when, in the case of other types of plums, the area exceeds that of a circle one-half inch in diameter on a fruit 2 inches in diameter or 4x4 size, or smaller; or when the area exceeds that of a circle

five-eighths inch in diameter on a fruit larger than 2 inches in diameter or 4x4 size.

(3) Light colored, smooth scars when, in the case of Italian type prunes, the area exceeds one-twelfth of the fruit surface; or when, in the case of other types of plums, the area exceeds that of a circle three-fourths inch in diameter on a fruit 2 inches in diameter or 4x4 size, or smaller; or when the area exceeds that of a circle seven-eighths inch in diameter on a fruit larger than 2 inches in diameter or 4x4 size;

(4) Twig or limb scratches which are not well healed or which have an aggregate length of more than one-half inch; and

(i) Russetting which exceeds any of the following aggregate areas of any one type of russetting, or a combination of two or more types of russetting the seriousness of which exceeds the maximum allowed for any one type:

(1) Rough russetting when the area exceeds that of a circle one-fourth inch in diameter on a fruit 2 inches in diameter or 4x4 size, or smaller; or when the area exceeds that of a circle one-half inch in diameter on a fruit larger than 2 inches in diameter or 4x4 size;

(2) Slightly rough russetting when, in the case of Italian type prunes, the area exceeds one-twelfth of the fruit surface; or when, in the case of other types of plums, the area exceeds that of a circle five-eighths inch in diameter on a fruit 2 inches in diameter or 4x4 size, or smaller; or when the area exceeds that of a circle three-fourths inch in diameter on a fruit larger than 2 inches in diameter or 4x4 size;

(3) Fairly smooth or smooth russetting when, in the case of Italian type prunes, the area exceeds one-twelfth of the fruit surface; or when, in the case of other types of plums the area exceeds that of a circle three-fourths inch in diameter on a fruit 2 inches in diameter or 4x4 size, or smaller; or when the area exceeds that of a circle 1 inch in diameter on a fruit larger than 2 inches in diameter or 4x4 size.

§51.1533 Well colored.

Well colored, as applied to Italian type prunes, means that 95 percent of the surface of the prune is purple color.